

REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for careful consideration given this Application, and gratefully acknowledge the allowance of Claims 27 and 28 and the allowability of Claims 16-25. Claims 1-14 and 26 have been cancelled, and Claims 15-25 and 27-29 are pending in this Application. Claims 15, 17, and 29 have been amended. Support for all amendments can be found in the Specification as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claim 29 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the Applicants regard as the invention.

The Examiner alleges that structure (II) is incomplete because the group (CRR") attached to the CH should be a trivalent carbon. Claim 29 has been amended to provide a trivalent carbon, thereby attending to the Examiner's rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 15 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the Applicants regard as the invention.

The Examiner alleges that the forward bracket is missing in Claims 15 and 17. Applicants have inserted the forward bracket thereby attending to the Examiner's rejections. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Objections

Claims 16-25 stand objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, Claim 15. Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claim 15 has been amended to overcome the rejection. Accordingly, Claim 15 is allowable. Dependent Claims 16-25 either directly or indirectly depend from and add further limitations to

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amended independent Claim 15 and are respectfully deemed allowable. Withdrawal of the Examiner's objection is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claim 26 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Journal of Organometallic Chemistry, Vol. 518, No. 1-2, pages 189-196 (1996) by Calderazzo et al.

Claim 26 has been cancelled rendering the Examiner's rejection moot.

It is believed that pending Claims 15-25 and 27-29 are in condition for allowance and notice to such effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone conference with the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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